

ADAMS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2017

Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center

Attendance: Members –William Smith, Ed Kaplan, Victor Frank, John Lerew, Skip Strayer, Pete Martin, Melvin Lebo, Richard Crouse, Albert Lowas Jr.

Staff –Chris Caba, Andrew Merkel, Harlan Lawson

Adoption of Agenda: Mr. Frank made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Martin and passed.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Mr. Lowas stated that he was not present at the previous meeting as the minutes indicate. The minutes from April 2017 meeting were approved with the condition that Mr. Lowas' name be removed from the attendance list.

Advanced Public Comments: None

Subdivision and Land Development Report:

Mr. Merkel reviewed the SLD Reports for April 2017 and highlighted several findings:

- *SLD Submissions:* Ten plans submitted in April combined, which consisted primarily of minor subdivision and lot addition plans. Plans of note include:
 - *Iglesia Restauracion CDR - relocation of church 6000 sf with 31 parking spaces*
 - Drummer Boy Campground -
 - Round Top Campground – changes to wastewater treatment system
 - Wade Run Community – 99 proposed units on 46.85 acres
 - Hotel & Conference Center at the Links – conversion of existing house to a hotel
- *67/68 Submissions:* Four 67/68 review submissions in April, including:
 - Stage One Community Park in Hamiltonban Township
 - Cumberland Village Phase 1
 - Drummer Boy Campground
 - Mathias Road Culvert Replacement
- *Municipal Reviews:* Five municipal review submissions in April, including:
 - Zoning Ordinance amendment in Straban Township
 - Zoning Ordinance amendment in Fairfield Borough
 - SALDO amendment in Fairfield Borough relating to sewer and water connections
 - Citizen voted zoning amendment in Cumberland Township to exclude assisted living facilities from residential uses. Mr. Merkel stated that it is the viewpoint of the staff that creating such language in the zoning ordinance could cause the municipality trouble in the future
 - Zoning amendment in Huntington Township relating to billboards

Mount Pleasant Township ASA Review:

Proposed reestablishment of seven properties in Mount Pleasant Township's Agricultural Security Area. Mr Merkel explained there were no staff objections to the requested renewals in Mount Pleasant Township.

Mr. Crouse made a motion to renew the ASA designations. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lowas and passed.

Long Range Transportation Plan:

Mr. Merkel stated that the staff is required to update the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) every five years. Mr. Caba reviewed the contents of the plan, and stated the PA State Police budget would be capped at \$802 million, resulting in \$2.1 billion for the Motor License Fund. \$1 billion will be dedicated to County Maintenance and \$1.1 billion will be dedicated to capital highway and bridge projects. Adams County will receive .7% of the budget for road repairs and .5% for bridge repairs. Adams County will receive CMAQ funding through 2020, however, all attainment MPO's will lose funding after FY 2020. Currently, there are no other funds available to offset the anticipated loss of CMAQ. There is an estimated loss of \$21 million from 2021-2040. Mr. Caba presented a chart displaying the Anticipated Future Maintenance Costs, totaling approximately \$980 million, while the anticipated money received will be between \$315 million and \$320 million.

Mr. Caba stated the public comment period has already started, with 2 upcoming public meetings on May 24, 2017 held in the Ag Center. The list and map of active constructive projects was also presented to the commission, showing projects scheduled to be completed and P3 (rapid bridge replacement) projects, most of which are currently underway.

Mr. Caba announced the TA Set-Asides Program, formally known as the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) will be accepting applications beginning July 10, 2017. An announcement was sent to all municipalities in Adams County, as well as some local non-profit organizations. There is no local match however you have to pay for the construction costs up front.

Mr. Frank asked if the Liquid Fuels money is being spent on the State Police Budget.

Mr. Caba replied that is correct however the money being spent from the Motor License Fund on the State Police budget will be capped and decreased by \$300 million.

Mr. Caba explained the first part of the plan examines the demographic and census data pertaining to the county. The Route 94 Road Safety Audit is included along with their recommended projects to improve that corridor. Public comments are being taken in and the plan will be adjusted accordingly.

Mr. Strayer asked for clarification regarding the 26% decrease in average daily traffic on Route 116 East of Rt. 15.

Mr. Merkel replied that the decrease in traffic on some roads is probably offset by increases in neighboring roads.

Member Comments: None.

Staff Comments: Mr. Merkel highlighted efforts made on the economic development plan, and explained that staff will be meeting with each municipality to gauge their interest in economic development in the next couple of months.

Public Comments: None.

Adjournment: 8:26 PM.